

Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



Our parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

St Alipius' Parish acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of this land and we pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

St Alipius' Parish Church
82 Victoria St, Ballarat East 3350

SS Peter & Paul's Church
701 Fisken St. Buninyong 3357

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Welcome

We welcome you back into the church this weekend. It is lovely to celebrate together. Please remember to QR code on entry and to wear your mask.

NOTE: SAPLITURGY pre registration bookings will close at 12pm Fridays prior to the weekend. If you wish to attend mass but forget to register please come if numbers are reached we will direct you to another time. We thank you for your support with this

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Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday 10.00am to 3.30 pm

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- www.sapliturgy.net.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator: Bronwyn Ballesty

Child Safety Officer: Bronwyn Ballesty

Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue

Finance Com. Chair: TBA

Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria

Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn, Kathy Curran

Masses during the week

St Alipius' Church for 90 people

Mass will be held on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00 am (1st, 3rd and 5th)

10:30 am (2nd and 4th)

Wednesday prayer to St Joseph (after mass)

Rosary and divine Mercy will be said each morning after 9.30am mass. Please join us on the left of the church

Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

Buninyong for 75 people

Sunday 9:00 am (2nd and 4th)

10:30 am, (1st, 3rd and 5th)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

Ballarat Diocese Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Counting Team No. 8 is on this week

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Vic Maguire, Donald Bartlett

Anniversaries: Nicholas McGuigan, Lawrie McCartin, Margaret Dunn, Bill Maguire, Tess Maguire

Unwell: We pray for Ben Busuttill, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Angie De Run (Malaysia), Peter Saunders, Juanita Rickard, Seamus McGettigan, Pat Hogan, Agnes Peters, Leticia Tanes, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Kateri Byrnes, Ann Coswello, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, John Beattie, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



Upcoming Dates in the parish community



August

17	First Eucharist Children's Workshop	6.00pm	Emmaus Primary School
17	First Eucharist Children's Workshop	6.00pm	St Alipius Hall
18	First Eucharist Children's Workshop	6.00pm	St Francis Xavier Primary School
18	First Eucharist Children's Workshop	6.00pm	Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Buninyong
18	RCIA Inquirers Night	5.30pm	St Alipius Hall
19	First Eucharist Children's Workshop	6.00pm	St Alipius Primary School

**** All events are dependent on Covid Restrictions ****



Thank you

We wish to thank Sharon McCartin for the energy, time and spirit she has given as a member of the Parish Liturgy Committee, especially in organising readers. As Sharon has chosen to step down from this role we wish to thank her for all that she does for our community.

First Eucharist



Congratulations to the 160 children that will be preparing for the First Eucharist in the coming weeks. These children will be receiving their First Eucharist each Saturday over the coming weeks. We ask all parishioners to keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they walk with Jesus in preparation for communion.

House for Rent

We currently have a long term parishioner looking for a 2 bedroom house or unit with garage to rent. Would need to be single level. If you can be of any assistance with this please contact the Parish Office. Thank you



St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

We invite you to be part of our annual Winter Appeal.

This year's Appeal targets one of the most basic of human rights – the right to have a home. We focus on the impact of homelessness on families and children, particularly as we recover from the effects of COVID-19.

We are most grateful for the support we receive from our parish as it enables us to continue our support for those in need.

If anyone is interested in joining our group please contact the parish office for further details.

Parishioners can direct donations to our conference by:

- Calling 13 18 12 and confirming the name of the conference over the phone
- Donating online at vinnies.org.au and entering the conference name in the "Comments/Conference Name" section.
- **Using the Envelopes available at the end of the pews. Completed envelopes can be placed on the collection plate.**

Planned Giving



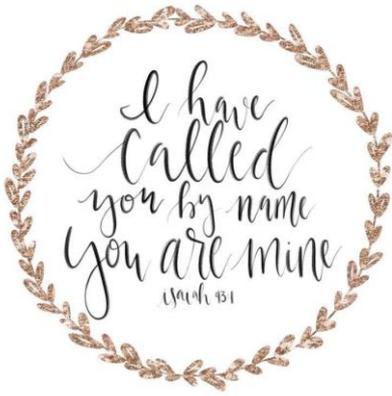
Should you wish continue our Planned Giving or contribute to the First Collection, please place your offering in an envelope into the mailbox near the front door of the Presbytery. Any queries regarding Planned Giving, please phone our Finance Officer Kerrie McTigue, on 53 312 933 or via email: ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

We thank you for your continued support

This weekend we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..."

(Pope Francis)



Malachy Shaw

Son of Gemma and Lachlan

Aubrey and Angus Jones

Children of Melissa and Christopher



Emmanuel: God With Us

Anyone that may be interested in practising and or learning more about Adoration, please look at the wonderful opportunity that is being held within our parish community.

Further details can be given by contacting Rachel directly.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption August 15th

O Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of God and
Mother of humanity,
we believe with all the fervor
of our faith in your triumphal
Assumption, both body and
soul, into heaven, where you
are acclaimed as Queen by all
the choirs of angels and all the
legions of the saints. And we
unite with them to praise and
bless the Lord who has exalted
you above all other pure
creatures, and to offer you the
tribute of our devotion and
our love. -Pope Pius XII



Reflection on the Gospel-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Luke 1:39-44)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

A visit to the Dormition Abbey in Jerusalem in 1973 was a moment of enlightenment for me, a moment to reflect on Mary's life, her death and her "assumption" to the fulness of life in God. Just over five years ago, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Dormition in Aleppo, Syria, was badly damaged by an underground explosion, yet another victim of a cruel war. The news report of that tragedy reminded me that Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics have long celebrated the "Holy Sleep" or "Dormition" of the Virgin Mary. Mary's "sleep", the reunion of her whole being with God, is celebrated as the feast of the "Assumption" in the Latin Rite. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined Mary's assumption as a dogma of the Catholic faith, a dogma grounded in tradition.

Today's gospel offers the story of the young pregnant Mary travelling "in haste" from her home town of Nazareth to a town in the hill country of Judaea, some 130 kilometres to the south, to be with her cousin Elizabeth who is also pregnant. The details of that long and demanding journey are left to our imagination. In the loving embrace of the two women, the Spirit-filled life gestating within Mary encounters and physically affects the life that is coming to birth in Elizabeth. Elizabeth's words resound throughout the ages in the prayer we know as the Hail Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb...." These words are addressed by one prophetic woman to another prophetic woman. Elizabeth recognises that Mary is blessed by God because she believed that God's promise to her would be fulfilled. Elizabeth gives expression to the faith that is to be embraced by all those who accept that Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Mary of Nazareth, is the Holy One of God (Luke 1:35). The lives of both women have been transformed through the power of God's Spirit. The birth of their children will usher in an unprecedented event in human history.

Elizabeth's proclamation of the blessing of God on Mary is found daily on the lips of countless faith-filled Christians across the globe. In our times, God's blessing on the Earth community can only become a reality when, like Mary, we open our hearts to a world in need, when we learn to read the signs of the times and work together to address the underlying causes of global distress. This gospel story invites us to ponder the various ways that God calls us to sustain life. We might turn for inspiration to Mary who, as theologian Elizabeth Johnson reminds us, is "truly our sister". Though pregnant, Mary was prepared to do "the hard yards", the whole 130 kilometres, to be with an older cousin in need. Celebrating this feast might mean doing the hard yards by "being there" for someone in need despite the personal cost.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First: Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

Second: 1 Cor 15:20-26 **Gospel:** Lk 1:39-56

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Second: Eph 5:21-32 **Gospel:** Jn 6:60-69

